Alberta Treasury
Economic Bulletin

ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 23 TO OCTOBER 27, 2000

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month	Month'00/ Month'99	Comments
Canadian Composite Leading Index (1992=100)	September 166	0.6%	8.4%	The Canadian leading economic indicator increased by 0.6% in September, reversing the deceleration that began in April. Seven of the ten components experienced gains. The largest increases were seen in new durable orders (2.8%), TSE 300 stock price index (2.0%) and other durable goods sales (1.3%). The U.S. leading indicator decreased by 0.1% in September.
Retail Sales ($millions)	August			In August, Alberta retail sales increased by 0.2% from the previous month, while national retail sales were up 0.1%. From August 1999 to August of 2000, Alberta (9.0%) had the greatest increase in retail sales among the provinces. Seven of the ten provinces showed increases from the previous month, while Nova Scotia (-1.8%), Quebec (-0.6%) and Prince Edward Island (-0.1%) experienced declines. The automotive sector (8.1%) contributed the most to the increase of national sales.
Alberta	2,707	0.2%	9.0%	
Canada	23,428	0.1%	5.7%	
Industrial Product Price Index (1992=100)	September 128.4	0.5%	4.0%	Industrial product prices in September increased 0.5% from August, and 4.0% from September last year, due to an increase in petroleum and coal product prices. Excluding the impact of these prices, industrial product prices would have increased 1.9% on a year-over-year basis.
Raw Materials Price Index (1992=100)	September 149.1	3.0%	18.1%	On a month-to-month basis, the raw materials price index increased 3.0% in September. The index rose 18.1% from August last year. Both increases were due to stronger mineral fuel and non-ferrous metal prices. The animal and animal products price index fell 2.8% due to decreased pork prices.